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Fellow members — Can you believe it? Christmas is over and we have all had the opportunity to make those New Year resolutions, which most of us do not keep. I hope that Santa was good to you but most of all, I hope that all of you experienced the joy and pleasure of family togetherness.

Now, on a darker note, I am saddened to report that Wally Gilmore, the husband of our long-time TNA NEWS Editor Miriam Gilmore, died December 13 at Methodist Hospital in San Antonio after a three-week illness. Services were held in San Antonio December 16. Notes and cards expressing your concern would be appreciated by Miriam. They may be sent to the home address - 315 Vance Jackson C26, San Antonio, Texas 78201.

Also, Mrs. Sharon Johnson, the wife of our former District I Governor and the mother of our present District I Governor, Mario, is at home recovering from serious back surgery. Mrs. Johnson's home address is: 1993 Frey Street, Stephenville, TX. 76401. Cards to her would certainly be welcomed.

By now you have received your dues notice, but have you paid? If not, please, right now, put down your copy of the TNA NEWS, and pay your dues. And keep in mind what a good deal it is to have a TNA Life Membership.

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CALENDAR

Al Loja
Houston, Texas

The measure of time has been important to man from the earliest recorded history. The earliest accurate standard of time was the day, which is the time required for the earth to rotate once on its axis. The measurement was normally between high noon of one day and high noon of the following day (high noon being determined when a tall stick cast no shadow).

While keeping track of the passage of time in days was accurate, it was quite unwieldy due to the numbers involved. Thus, July 4, 1776 A.D. could be expressed as 648, 857 A.D., if we used only days for the time measurements. A larger unit of time had to be found and it was found. This super unit of time was called a year and is the time required for the earth to make one complete revolution around the sun. Since these two movements of the earth are independent, it should come as no surprise that a year does not consist of an integral number of days.

Today, a year has been measured very accurately as 31,556,925.9747 seconds, or 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 45.9747 seconds.

The problem has always been in how to express years in 24-hour days without using awkward fractions of days. The calendar systems of early civilizations all used a year of approximately 365 days. The number of months in a year varied widely, however

The Babylonians used a 6-month year while the Mayans used a 19-month year (18 months of 20 days each, with the 19th month at the end of the year, called Uayed, consisting of 5 days which were known as the 'evil days'). There are indications that the Mayans were aware of the errors in their 365-day calendar, and were able to calculate the accumulated error between their year and the actual year over a period of some 1,000 years. However, they never corrected their calendar.

The earliest known calendar is that of the Egyptians. They used a constant 365-day year, with twelve 30-day months and the extra 5 days added on at the end of the year. The only problem was that this year was about a quarter of a day short from the actual year and over the centuries this amounted to quite an error. In fact, every 1,460 years they had lost a full year this way, because the earth had only revolved around the sun 1,459 times while they thought that 1,460 years had elapsed. Thus, every 1,460 years, their calendar was almost accurate again. We know that there was such an event (a convergence) in 139 A.D. Counting backward 1,460 years, the years 1321 B.C., 2781 B.C. and 4241 B.C. were again correct (almost) years. Thus we estimate that the starting point of the Egyptian calendar was probably in 4241.

The Romans, too, had an early system (the republican calendar)

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FROM SILVER TO PAPER TO WOOD

Glen Littrell
Corpus Christi, Texas

Monday, October 19, was a dark day in the annals of affluent America. Through the process of Osmosis, billions of paper dollars on Wall Street evaporated into thin air. No one knows for sure just where they disappeared. Some say that a strong draft from the "Black Hole" off Bermuda siphoned them into oblivion. Others believe that Ole North may have shredded them in the basement of the White House.

The same thing happened back in 1929 when I was a sophomore in a little farm village in Nebraska. I was told that when the banks closed, the government moved in with grocery carts, gathered up all the silver Morgan dollars and paid off the national debt.

My father was a preacher during that depression and had a family of eight. Even so, we had faith for we knew that it was written that the Lord would provide. It was about that time that we started to raise poultry, on the side, and as prophecy dictated we managed eight different recipes consisting of mashed potatoes and chicken and noodle stew. For desert we shared apples from the Parish's orchards.

Following the recent stock market crash, pension funds came under great duress. The "Feds" started to manufacture huge quantities of paper money to stabilize the crisis.

It was only then that I started to inventory my "Whooping Crane" wooden nickels. I remembered that in 1930, Tenino, Washington gained world-wide fame by issuing "legal

wooden money." On this same "black Monday" all 133 of the famous whooping cranes were due in from Canada. I remembered that a New Jersey bank had foreclosed on the Whooping Crane Excursion Boat and we set about to run up the coast to check on the situation.

Much to our surprise we found a new 150-passenger cruiser at anchor at the launch site. The new captain was equally surprised when I handed him the 1987 Jean LaFitte Whooping Crane wooden nickel for across the bow of the new ship was the title JEAN LAFITTE. In return for the wooden nickel we were the recipients of two complimentary \$20 tickets to their maiden voyage into whooping crane country. It occurred to me on this black Monday that \$40 transportation for a one-cent wood was a fair exchange!



(Each year, Glen Littrell issues wooden money honoring the Whooping Cranes and National Coin Week. The cranes winter near Corpus Christi, Texas. The 1988 design is on the "drawing board" and will be available soon.)

FLYING EAGLE AND INDIAN CENTS

Ted Court
Fort Worth, Texas

By 1857, large cents were becoming unpopular due to their size and weight, and this precipitated the introduction of the copper nickel cents. The 1856 Flying Eagle cent was a pattern coin, and was not meant to be used in circulation, however, many did get into circulation.

It is estimated that 1,000 1856 Flying Eagle cents were struck, and this small quantity makes them very rare. The 1857 and 1858 F.E. cents were issued in large quantities and proved to be very popular.

The design was changed in 1859 to the profile of an Indian princess on the obverse.

As the Civil War was nearing an end, experiments were being conducted with various metals, and bronze was selected as the most desirable to be used for cents from 1864 on, replacing the copper nickel composition. The Indian Head was not changed, with the exception of designer Longacre's initial being removed from the cents in 1864.

The years 1864 through 1878 saw a lesser amount of cents struck, which explains why the cents of these years are as rare as they are. The 1877 is by far the rarest, with only 852,000 struck, a small issue even in those days.

Prior to 1858 proof coins were only struck for a selected few, but in 1858 the mint inaugurated its policy of striking proofs of all denominations for collectors. Coinage of proof cents ranged between 500 to 1,100 per year for the years 1864 through 1878, and were not initially sought after by coin collectors of that day. In fact, the largest quantity of Indian Head proof cents coined in any one year was 6,609 in 1883. When compared to the quantities struck today (nearly 11 billion in 1982), one can appreciate their rarity.

In 1908, the first cents were struck at a branch mint, San Francisco, and in 1909, Victor D. Brenner's new Lincoln cent first appeared.

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THE NEW LOOK

A new logo design featuring a more modern look is introduced by the Texas Numismatic Association to start off the new year. Frank Calindo, TNA medals officer, designed the new logo and also the 1988 convention medal shown on page 3.

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TNA 1988 is not very far in the future and if any member is not ready for it, he should set his house in order.

The semi-annual meeting in Austin seemed to me to be very profitable. We adopted a resolution which was sponsored by Chris Johns, governor of District VI whereby a deserving junior from some district will be sent to Colorado Springs each year to the seminar. Each club, a member of TNA, is asked to donate to a fund which is then used to pay these expenses. This junior will be selected from all eligible juniors in all districts. GHCC and TNA have both pledged money to this cause. Also Paul Garner, governor of District V, has pledged as well. It is my feeling that these juniors' names should be selected from those who are or who have worked in the program which has been introduced by Frank Galindo, governor of District VII.

The seminar trip should be earned as a reward and not as "winning number pulled from a hat." Frank's plan is aimed at getting the juniors into numismatics and not just "coin collecting." It requires much study and work in the presentations both verbally and written in the passing of this knowledge to

other peer members, both collectors and non-collectors. A bird's-eye view of his plan is that these juniors present programs at school and at the club meetings, write articles and present exhibits. They will then be given two bronze TNA medals for these actions. The first six will then be awarded a silver TNA medal.

Al Loja, 1988 TNA general chairman, reports that the convention is moving smoothly and that almost all of the tables have been sold. Any dealer who wishes to have a table is advised to make his reservations early and not be disappointed by being left out by procrastinating.

Nela Runkle, exhibits chairman, is still asking for exhibits. We can accommodate many more than have been seen in the last several years. I will assure you that all who have an exhibit will be accepted. These times are far removed from those of the early to middle 60's when there were almost as many exhibitors as there were dealers. Nela can also use the services of several good judges.

Speaking of judging, there is much feeling that the rules under which the TNA judges work is outdated. Chris Johns is working to amend these rules and she needs all the help she can get. If anyone has

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GREATER HOUSTON COIN CLUB'S
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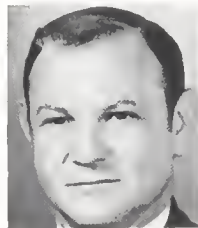
from the 2nd vice president

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The periodic newsletter, bulletin, or journal is a critical element to the success of the club. It communicates numismatic news, events, your club program schedule, recaps of previous meetings, and is an ideal vehicle to hand out to prospective members. The editor of your newsletter needs to be dedicated, reliable, and concerned about the club membership. While the editor does not need to be a professional writer, he/she must be able to communicate effectively, must make deadlines under all circumstances, and should be at least somewhat innovative and creative. Failure to publish a bulletin on a regular schedule will surely contribute to a club's demise.

Communications also include interface between the club, TNA and, possibly, ANA. It is imperative for the local club to be able to receive timely information from the state and national organizations so that it may be communicated to members. Both TNA and ANA have rep programs. Neither has been effective in the recent past but both organizations are now attempting to rejuvenate these programs.

As 2nd VP for TNA, it is my responsibility to help the district governors and club reps in the "discharge of their duties." I am ready, willing, and able to do just that but,

to date, not one single governor or rep responded to my offer of assistance several issues back.

Finally, a suggestion about innovation and forward thinking. Consider changing the routine once in a while. For example, one club I belonged to formerly held a breakfast meeting once a quarter. It proved to be a great success and they were considering increasing the frequency when I left the state to join the Air Force. How about promoting specialist groups? For example, those club members who enjoy collecting tokens could meet once a month on a different night and, as a project, pool their knowledge and material to provide "special" nights at the club meetings. How about a program put on by the members' spouses? I guess what I'm alluding to is the need to create variety, enjoyment, and **sharing**. Isn't that why the club exists in the first place?

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from the TNA medals officer

Frank Galindo

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Members, as we start a new journey into a new year, let's resolve to make 1988 our most vibrant TNA year ever. I have two tasks with which I will be working. One is the new junior TNA Bronze Medal Project described in the December issue of the **TNA NEWS**, and the other is to continue promoting and selling our bronze medals from previous years. I am asking each of you for your support in these projects. They can be successful if all TNA officers, members and clubs unite and work together toward making TNA the very best.

At our board meeting in November, I announced the new TNA Medal Project for junior members. It was well received. I anticipate a good response from our junior members once our governors, members and clubs start to promote this project in their respective districts. Let's work to make this project most successful. We must keep our junior members interested in numismatics with projects such as this. After all, they are TNA's future leaders.

Christmas came early this year to the TNA Medals Officer. When I was appointed medals officer I had a few of the 1969 bronze medals on hand. These medals were soon sold as part of complete sets beginning with the 1969 medal and ending with the latest medal struck. In conversation with several TNA members, I mentioned my present dilemma, which was that I had sold all of the complete medal sets and

would not be able to sell any other complete sets to any member requesting one. The reason was because I had no 1969 bronze medals left.

I am happy to report that I now have a few 1969 TNA bronze medals in stock. In November a TNA member, who wishes to remain anonymous, donated some 1969 bronze medals to be sold as part of complete sets only. This good deed will help to sell more complete bronze medal sets and reduce our medal inventory. The generosity of members such as this is one reason TNA has flourished and continues to grow and prosper.

The 1988 TNA convention medals will feature a new logo. The letters "INC." have been added to the new design. The previous design had a circle around the Texas map. This has been replaced with an updated design which will enhance the logo. The Texas map is in a square with rounded corners giving us a fresh new design and yet keeping the original basic idea.

The Space Shuttle was selected as the main theme for the 1988 Houston TNA convention medal. Special thanks to Nela Runkle and Al Loja for their help and ideas.

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from the secretary

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JANUARY 30-31

NORMAN, OK. annual coin & stamp show, Sheraton Hotel, I-35. **WRITE:** Newton Mitchell, 218 E. Main, Norman, OK 73069.

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FEBRUARY 20-21

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FEBRUARY 26-28

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MARCH 5-6

HUNT COUNTY COIN CLUB, coin show, Greenville Community Center, US Hwy. 69 S. **WRITE:** Frank Ferguson, 4009 Wesley St., Greenville, 75401, 214 883-2091.

MARCH 18-20

HOUSTON INTERCONTINENTAL COIN SHOW, Sheraton Crown Hotel. **WRITE:** Milton Dove, Box 92146, Houston 77206.

MARCH 19-20

SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB, annual show, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, Lubbock. **BOURSE:** Herman Jacobs, Box 3795, Lubbock 79452. Or call Ed Chauncey 806 792-2245.

MARCH 26-27

WACO COIN CLUB, annual show, Waco Civic Center. **WRITE:** Jerry Kammer, Box 8773, Waco 76714.

APRIL 9-10

CORPUS CHRISTI COIN CLUB show, La Quinta Royale Hotel. **WRITE:** Club, Box 3191, Corpus Christi 78410.

APRIL 16-17

SEMI-ANNUAL COIN & STAMP SHOW, Rodeway Inn at Six Flags. **WRITE:** Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Ft. Worth 76180.

APRIL 22-24

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, 30th convention, Adam's Mark Hotel, 2900 Briarpark Dr. at Westheimer, Houston. **HOST:** Greater Houston Coin Club. **BOURSE:** Ray Aldrete, Box 1345, Houston 77251, 713 580-3206.

MAY 14-15

VICTORIA NUMISMATIC CLUB, annual show, Holiday Inn, Hiway 59. **BOURSE:** Graves Rouse, 403 First Victoria National Bank, Victoria 77901, 512/575-5621.

MAY 21-22

GATEWAY COIN CLUB, annual show, Sheraton Inn, 1400 Austin Highway, San Antonio. **WRITE:** Club, Box 12217, San Antonio 78212.

MAY 28-29

CAPITAL CITY COIN CLUB, annual show, Austin Hilton, 6000 Middle Fiskville Rd., Austin. **WRITE:** Club, Box 9057, Austin, 78766-9057, 512 453-7530.

JUNE 4-5

GARLAND COIN CLUB, 24th annual coin show, Holiday Inn — Garland, 13700 LBJ Freeway & Centerville. **BOURSE:** Tim Lee, Box 851181, Richardson 75085-1181.

JUNE 11-12

GREATER ORANGE COIN CLUB, annual show, Orange House Inn. More later.

SEPTEMBER 17-18

ALAMO COIN CLUB, 2nd annual coin show, Sheraton Inn, 1400 Austin Hiway, San Antonio.

SEPTEMBER 24-25

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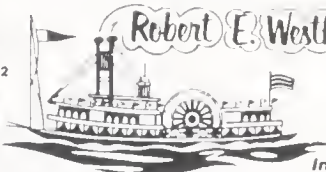
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James Morton, the firm's currency expert, said it is expected the descendants of the original trustees will at last get something for the bonds, valued now at about \$378,400.

Morton continued, "When the Civil War ended in 1865, bondholders tried to obtain repayment from United States authorities. This hoard was assembled in the 1880s in an attempt to coordinate and rationalize European claims."

The elaborately engraved bonds are mostly in good condition, carefully rolled into bundles and protected by paper wrappers dated 1883. They were stored in 30 cardboard boxes under an old railway arch and narrowly escaped flooding from the river Thames and bombing in the German blitz in World War II.

CORONATION COINS

Price of a good seat at the crowning of William the Conqueror was a blank and the same was charged for his son and successor, William Rufus. At that of Henry I, it was a crocard, and at King Stephen's and Henry II's, a pollard. The coin which changed hands frequently at King Richard's and King John's for an advantageous place was a fuskin, and rose, at Henry III's, to a dodkin.

The coins mentioned above were sort of base money of the lowest value, which were imported into England with many older pieces equally rude in their names. Most of them were later prohibited by Henry V. In the reign of Edward I, the coins began to be more intelligible and find that for seeing the Coronation a "P" was given or the half

of a farthing. For Henry V and Henry VI's crowning it was half of a grosus or groat (two pennies). At Queen Elizabeth's it was a teston or testor (sixpence).

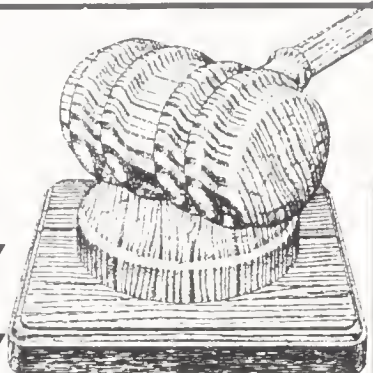
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A. D. Garrett has been appointed Deputy Master of the British Royal Mint in succession to Dr. D. Jeremy Gerhard, C.B., who retired at the end of 1987. The Chancellor of the Exchequer is Master of the Royal Mint and Deputy Masters are appointed by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

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District Meetings

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DISTRICT I —

Officers to serve **Fort Worth Coin Club** in 1988 have been selected and are: Gary Stewart, president; Jim Howard, vice president; E. Klinglesmith, secretary; Jackie Hagood, treasurer; Mel Hagood, Ted Court, Gary Brown and Larry Heagle, directors. Hostess for the year is Linda Wade.

The annual Christmas party was planned for December 3 at Diamond Oaks Country Club. It was voted to raise club dues to \$7.50 annually.

Winners in the Coin Quiz were Elleta Havens, Gary Stewart, Gary and Cheryl Brown, J. N. Medley, Mike Harris, Charles Williams and Lloyd Campbell.

— Newsletter.

The Holiday Spirit was reflected in the two November meetings of **Stephenville Coin Club** held at Golden Corral. Members voted to donate canned goods to the Basket of Hope for the needy at Christmas time and plans were made for the annual party. Dr. Paul Canyus presented the club with some foreign coins and paper money.

It was announced that Mario Johnson, TNA District 1 governor, and his wife were the parents of a new baby boy born November 23.

— Lorene Randals, Sec.

DISTRICT IV —

Austin Coin Club members gathered at Quality Inn South on December 8 for the annual holiday dinner meeting.

The November coin show was termed a success and the 1988 show will be September 24-25 at the same location, Quality Inn South.

DISTRICT V —

New officers were elected to lead members of **Garland Coin Club** and include Frank Clark, president; Carl Agerbeck, vice president; Jim Jeska, secretary; treasurer. Directors are Al Bromberg and Ray Holt.

The club's annual holiday dinner and entertainment was set for December 8 at K-Bob's Steak House. Kurt McEnaney conducted the auction and Chris Blaha won the door prize.

Ron Blaha gave a program on



Dr. Robert Greenwood
Governor



Paul Garner
Governor

U.S. Colonial Coppers. The coins discussed were from the Republic of Vermont, authorized June 15, 1785; the state of Connecticut, authorized Oct. 18, 1785; and the states of New Jersey and Massachusetts, authorized in 1786. The Fugio cent was authorized in 1787. Coins discussed were issued by private contractors with the exception of the Massachusetts issue. The fee paid for the right to coin coppers ranged from zero for the initial Vermont issue to 15 per cent for the Fugio cent.

— Newsletter.

The **Paris Coin Club** was scheduled to host the "Big Coin Show" on December 5-6 at the Fair Grounds in Paris. Club officers are Ray Spencer, president; Billy Kee, vice president; and Bobbie Jones, secretary.

DISTRICT VI —

Pasadena Coin Club members planned the annual Christmas party on December 14 in the meeting hall of Webster Presbyterian Church with good food, games and prizes.

During one of the November meetings, Bill Chase gave a program on Mexican coins.

— Newsletter.

Special guests at the November meeting of **Greater Houston Coin Club** were members of the Clements High School Coin Club sponsored by Ralph Ross. He reports

that the club is rapidly grown. The president is Misty Coe, an honor student at Clements.

The Christmas party was planned for December 17 and assisting with arrangements were Chris Johns, Nela Runkle and Alan Perry.

— DoubleShift.

A change in meeting location was noted in the **Bellaire Coin Club** Newsletter that the annual club Christmas party would be held at Bellaire Community Hall instead of the Bellaire Library.

Games were planned with "fabulous" prizes for the lucky winners.

Chris Johns, TNA District 6 governor, and her husband, Bill, were surprise guests at the meeting of **Rice Belt Coin Club** in El Campo. Twenty-four attended the meeting at Commercial State Bank.

Chris presented the club two dozen books — "The Houston Heritage Collection of National Bank Notes, 1863-1935" by Bill Logan. David Mayfield donated Red Books and with both donations, the club hoped to start a coin club for the youth. Chris' donation came from **Greater Houston Coin Club**.

The meeting had been set aside for the purpose of everyone bringing something to sell, purchase, exchange or just show. Refreshments were served by Art Keinarth.

— Grace Vaclavick, Sec.



Chris Johns
Governor

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DISTRICT VII —

Since the normal second meeting of the month happened to also be Thanksgiving, members of **Alamo Coin Club** of San Antonio joined **Gateway Coin Club** at Wyatt's Cafeteria for auction night and it was reported that a large group attended. Mike Greenspan was in charge of the program during an earlier meeting and talked on Hard Time Tokens.

Only one meeting was planned in December — the annual Christmas party with games, prizes, entertainment, food and gift exchange. The members will meet at Grady's Bar-B-Que, 4109 Fredericksburg Rd.

Programs for December meetings of **Gateway Coin Club** of San Antonio included one by Freeman Craig on U.S. and Canadian Replacement Currency, commonly known as Star Notes.

Robin Ellis discussed School Attendance Medals from Great Britain. The medals were awarded to the children for school attendance but not that often since, before 1950, a large percentage of them did not complete school.

Frank and Karla Galindo volunteered to host the Christmas party at Mayfair Apartments party room. Members provided their favorite dishes and the club furnished the meat dish.

— Newsletter,

DISTRICT VIII —

Joe B. Davis gave the program in November at the **Corpus Christi Coin Club** meeting. He talked on "What It Cost to Operate Our Coin Club Per Year." He also reported on the mid-year TNA Board Meeting held in Austin.



**Joe Davis
Governor**

Other reports were made by Bill Bailey, updating the progress on cataloguing the coins at the Corpus Christi Museum, assisted by Joe Davis, Danny Agler and David Burke. Ray Crisp has also volunteered his services at the museum.

It was announced that 2nd vice president, Glen Littrell, had been in the hospital for surgery, and that Henry Foster was also ill in a Kingsville hospital.

The club's Christmas party and dinner was to be held at the Surrey-Sirloin Steak House on December 15. —

Joe B. Davis, Gov. Dist. 8.

Receiving special thanks by **Kingsville Coin Club** were hard working members, John Smolik, Don Bryant and Jimmy Bowman. The three have devoted much time and energy and have been instrumental in helping with the mall coin shows and making social arrangements.

Illnesses reported were club members Henry Foster and Glen Littrell. Also reported was that Bob Evans and Bill Bailey of the **Corpus Christi Coin Club** had been ill.

The club decided that the Christmas party would be held at the

Black Diamond Oyster Bar on December 8 with games and a gift exchange planned for entertainment.

The recent show and exhibit held at Stonegate Mall was reported to be successful and another is planned for January. The club will start working with the local Boy Scout troop and assist them in earning their coin collecting badges.

— Martha Burke, Sec.

DISTRICT IX —

Herman Jacobs was elected to serve as president of South Plains Coin Club in Lubbock assisted by Hanson Ling, vice president; and Bob McMichael, secretary treasurer. Outstanding club member was voted on and the winner will be announced at the Christmas party planned for December 7 at the Fifty-Yard Line Restaurant.

Judge Rod Shaw, who won the door prize, gave a program on Coins of Other Countries

Thirty-three were present for the meeting.

— E.L. Pitzer, Gov. Dist. 9.



E L Pitzer
Governor

DISTRICT X —

Walt Woelper gave a progress report on the 1988 coin show to be sponsored by International Coin Club of El Paso. Under discussion were bourse tables, tickets for a special drawing and advertising.

The show will be held February 26-28 at the Rodeway Inn in Bassett Center.

Dennis M. Armstrong was accepted for club membership and a first reading was given on an application by Charles W. Mann. Plans were completed for the annual Christmas party and exhibit trophies for the 1987 coin show were awarded to Porfirio Montez who also accepted a trophy on behalf of his son. It was announced that Glen Galliard had been in the hospital.

Marlin Haines conducted the auction for the 30 members and guests present.

— John & Florence Berger,
P.R. Committee.



Walt Woelper
Governor

DISTRICT XI —

Members of Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc. of Amarillo said "It's that time of year again" when announcing plans for the Christmas party at the Sirloin Stockade. The Charity Auction will not be held but a Charity Basket will be provided for donations for the needy.

A discussion was held on Which is Better, Just Coins or Bullion? Some stated that buying bullion

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was the best and others preferred coins.

Linda Runkle-Caylor will serve as president in 1988 and other officers are Curtis Maple, 1st vice president; Darrell Tipton, 2nd vice president; Charles Simmons, treasurer; and Pam Tipton, secretary.

— Newsletter.

DISTRICT XIII —

Logan Essex briefed members of **Greenbelt Coin Club** of Vernon on the annual **Red River Coin Club** show held in November and Richard Norton of Seymour was welcomed as the newest member of the club.



Raymond E. Whyborn
Governor

A 51-lot auction of U.S. gold and silver coins was conducted by Connally O'Brien.

— Raymond E. Whyborn,
Gov. Dist. 13.

Local resident Doug Penner was welcomed as a new member of the **Seymour Coin Club** at the regular meeting held at Lone Star Gas Co. Gene Wheeler reported on the Red River Coin Show recently held in Wichita Falls.

Wheeler gave a program on grading U.S. coins using examples of Washington quarters, applying the ANA grading criteria and NCI Grading Guide by James L. Halperin. Each member graded a coin and then discussed their grading technique.

Conducting the 27-lot auction was Dick Norton.

— Raymond E. Whyborn,
Gov. Dist. 13.

DISTRICT XV —

A program on **Collecting Coins With Character** was given by Rex Woodard at the regular meeting of **Greater Port Arthur Coin Club**. Woodard showed a display housed in the old style coin albums.



Dewey L. Scott
Governor

The holiday party was planned for December 3 at The Golden Corral with two door prizes for the cost of one meal for separate winners.

The program planned for January will be by Bill Erwin on Classic Coins. A plea was made for volunteers to work during the December 5-6 coin show.

— Newsletter.

Members of **Beaumont Coin Club** discussed the upcoming Christmas party at J & J Steak House on December 17 with door prizes of a coin, a silver round and a free dinner for one.

Reports were given on the auction held in November, the coin show recently held; and Jack Provost asked for volunteers for the nominating committee. Serving are Jack Woodard, Zeke Provost and Esca Hicks.

Winning door prizes were Joe Janak, Donny White and Bryan Girouard.

— Kaye Brown, Sec.

The Flying Eagle cent was the subject discussed by Jack Provost at the regular meeting of Silsbee Coin Club. Jack told members that the cent was made up of 88% copper and 12% nickel with a total weight of 72 grams. Congress passed a bill in 1857 to make these cents, but in 1856 a pattern coin had already been made. Later on there were 1,200 1856 restrikes made.

The holiday dinner party was discussed and it was decided that it would be on December 23 at the Golden Corral Restaurant. Two free dinners and a \$25 numismatic gift were to be given as prizes.

Dale Richey gave a report for the nominating committee: Jack Provost, president; Bobby Jenkins, vice president; Gale Dupriest, secretary; and Jerry Williams, treasurer.

— Zeke Provost, Sec.

DISTRICT XVII —

Waco Coin Club has elected new officers and selected as president was Joe Olson; Fred Ferguson, 1st vice president; Bob Hacker, 2nd vice president; Thornton Priest, secretary; and George Kubal, treasurer. Dalton Adams will serve as Sgt. at Arms, and J. P. Jones, TNA reporter.

Weldon Wilkerson reported on plans for the 1988 coin show. Committee members include Jerry Kammer, Tommy Vick, John Holt, James Berryhill and Robert Schuetze. This will be the 11th annual coin and stamp show in conjunction with the Waco Stamp Club. Dates are April 26-27 in the Waco Convention Center.

The Christmas party plans were finalized for December 10 and an auction was held.

J. P. Jones read an article on the Pilgrim Tercentenary commemorative

half dollar written by Anthony Swiatek.

— J.P. Jones, Reporter.

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any suggestions which he feels will improve in this field, I urge you to contact Chris. As an accredited ANA judge, I feel they should be amended but the big question is where to bite and how big a bite to take.

At this time I should like to extend a thanks to TNA for the assistance we have pledged to give the Museum of Natural Science in Houston. The museum is working on an exhibit of numismatics. This exhibit is geared to the junior but is not confined strictly to this age group. If all goes well this exhibit should be ready for viewing by all at the 1988 GHCC Money Show. From the museum, again, many thanks TNA.

GOLD COINS

During the early Gold Rush days of California, private individuals and concerns made up small tokens in the denominations \$1/4, \$1/2 and \$1. These were classified as Pioneer California gold coins and at the time were used as legal tender, although not redeemable by the United States government. In the days that followed, these coins gradually disappeared and became difficult to obtain.

Later, souvenir California gold tokens appeared to fulfill the demand of tourists, coin collectors and souvenir hunters. These are but replicas of the Gold Rush tokens with similar designs and denominations. Although the souvenir tokens have no face value and are not redeemable, there is considerable interest in the various varieties that are available to present-day coin collectors.

1922 PLAIN?

It is well known that in 1922 all one cent pieces were struck at the Denver mint with the mint mark D. The "Plain" refers to certain coins not showing the D. This is the result of a die becoming clogged with dirt or other matter. We can consider that a 1922 Plain cent is a defective coin, the result of poor workmanship and control. Nevertheless, it is a recognized variety.

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which was in use from the time of Numa Pompilius (the beginning of the 7th century BC) until its reform by Julius Caesar in 46 BC. The republican calendar was based on lunar months and had 355 days. It was complicated by varying month lengths, by occasional extra months inserted, and at times, by political intervention. By 46 BC, this calendar had become three months out of step with nature.

The Julian calendar was an important advance over everything that had gone before, because it was based on a year of 365 1/4 days. Every fourth year an extra day was added to the month of February. This calendar survived in Europe for over 16 centuries before being replaced by the Gregorian Calendar, so-called because of Pope Gregory III who initiated the latest calendar reform.

By the 17th century, even the

Julian calendar had managed to get about 13 days out of step with nature. This was corrected by the Pope by subtracting 13 days from the current year and changing the rules somewhat. The new rule stated that no century year should be a leap year unless it was exactly divisible by 400, which meant dropping three leap year days every 400 years. This revised calendar produces an error of only one day every 3,323 years.

A recent amendment to drop the year for all years exactly divisible by 4,000 (1000, 8000, 12000, 16000 and 20000 A.D.) has reduced this error to less than a day in 20,000 years. Not all European countries were quick to adopt the Gregorian system. All Catholic countries changed over in 1582, while others followed later, with Russia finally changing only in 1917.

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